IN RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE

E side of Bosley Avenue, 147 +/- feet, SW the c/l of Joppa Road 9th Election District 5th Councilmanic District (221-225 Joppa Road)

Stephens H. and Joan M. Dance *Petitioners*

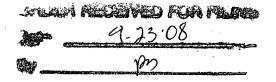
- * BEFORE THE
- DEPUTY ZONING
- * COMMISSIONER
- * FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY
- * Case No. 2008-0595-A

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

This matter comes before this Deputy Zoning Commissioner for consideration of a Petition for Variances filed by the legal owners of the subject property, Stephens H. and Joan M. Dance. The Petition requests variance relief as follows:

- From Section 235.1 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to permit a front yard setback of zero feet from the building line to Bosley Avenue in lieu of 15 feet, or in the alternative, from Section 302.2 of the B.C.Z.R. to permit a front setback of zero feet from the building line to Bosley Avenue in lieu of the average front yard depth of eight feet; whichever Section is determined to be applicable; and
- From Section 235.1 of the B.C.Z.R. to permit a front yard setback of 1.3 feet from the building line to Bosley Avenue in lieu of 15 feet, or in the alternative, from Section 303.2 of the B.C.Z.R. to permit a front yard setback of 1.3 feet from the building line to Bosley Avenue in lieu of the average front yard depth of eight feet; whichever Section is determined to be applicable -- if the contract purchaser secures an in-free strip along Bosley Avenue from Baltimore County; and
- From Section 235.1 of the B.C.Z.R. to permit a front yard setback of 14 feet from the building line to Joppa Road in lieu of the required 15 feet if the Zoning Commissioner determines the distance to Joppa Road is a front yard and not a side yard; if determined to be a side yard, the variance request is to confirm that Section 232.2.B of the B.C.Z.R. is applicable; and
- In the alternative, to confirm that the subject property is in the B.M.-C.T. District and that Section 235B.7 of the B.C.Z.R. applies; and
- To permit nine parking spaces in lieu of the required 18 spaces.

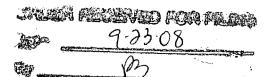
The subject property and requested relief are more fully described on the site plan which was marked and accepted into evidence as Petitioners' Exhibit 1.



It should be noted that T. Anthony Fusco has entered into and executed a contract with the property owners to purchase the subject property and thus appeared at the requisite public hearing in support of the variances requested. Petitioners Stephens and Joan Dance and Mr. Fusco were represented by Arnold Jablon, Esquire. William Bafitis, with Bafitis & Associates, Inc., the professional engineer who prepared the site plan, also appeared in support of the requested relief, as did Timothy Sanders, the professional architect who designed the proposed office building. Richard Parsons, representing the West Towson Community Association, appeared and indicated that his Association did not object to the relief requested. There were no Protestants or other interested parties at the hearing.

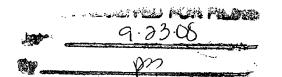
Testimony and evidence offered revealed that the subject property (actually consisting of three lots of record, but which shall be referred to herein in the singular) is a corner lot, located in Towson at the intersection of Bosley Avenue to its west, and Joppa Road to the north. A public alley borders the property to the east. The alley traverses from Allegheny Avenue through to Joppa Road, and provides the ability to avoid traffic lights at the intersections of Allegheny and Bosley, and Joppa and Bosley. The property contains approximately 9,027 square feet or 0.207 acre, more or less. Petitioners submitted an aerial photograph of the property and the surrounding area that was marked and accepted into evidence as Petitioner's Exhibit 2. As the aerial photograph and the site plan demonstrate, the property is located just to the north of a series of office buildings located on Bosley Avenue and bordered to their rear by the aforementioned alley, and the Church of the Immaculate Conception and Towson Catholic High School directly across Joppa Road.

Further, the evidence demonstrated that the property is improved with two existing twostory structures, one of which is a duplex. They historically were used as dwellings, but like many



of the surrounding dwellings along Bosley Avenue and Joppa Road, were converted to office buildings many years ago. One of the buildings was used for the dwelling and business of Mr. and Mrs. Dance -- Dance Auctioneers. Mr. Fusco is purchasing the property and is proposing to raze the two structures and construct a two-story office building that will still be aesthetically acceptable to the surrounding commercial uses and residential areas of West Towson. In fact, Mr. Fusco presently owns and operates his business at 607 Bosley Avenue, two lots south of the subject property, and located adjacent to the Venable law office building located at the corner of Bosley Avenue and Allegheny Avenue. He desires to stay in the immediate area, however, his business has grown substantially and requires more office space. The proposed building would provide the additional space needed while being able to stay in Towson, adjacent to where he has operated his business for many years. Petitioners submitted an architectural rendering prepared by Mr. Sanders that was marked and accepted into evidence as Petitioner's Exhibit 6, which indicates that the proposed building's architectural style will be colonial and will resemble a minicourthouse with architectural elements such as a brick façade, period lighting, and a traditional porch. The proposed building is rectangular and would be located along the Bosley Avenue property line. The front of the building would be towards Bosley Avenue, with the front entrance through a proposed porch. Parking would be to the rear, to the east of the proposed building, with sole access from the public alley. The rear of the building would be towards the alley, with one side of the building towards Joppa Road and the other to an adjacent office building at 609 Bosley Avenue, south of the subject property.

Additional testimony and evidence revealed that the subject property is zoned B.M.-C.T. The proposed building would have two floors, each 2,667 square feet and front on Bosley Avenue. The building would include an enclosed porch should Mr. Fusco be successful in purchasing an



eight foot strip of land along Bosley Avenue owned by Baltimore County. This would expand the subject property by eight feet. If not, the building would require a zero foot front yard setback from the existing property line to the proposed building. The proposed porch would be eliminated. If successful, the building would require a 1.3 foot front yard setback from the front building line of the porch to the new property line. From Joppa Road, the building would be set back 14 feet. Nine parking spaces are proposed on site, all of which are adjacent to the alley to the rear of the building.

For reasons unknown, Baltimore County retains an eight foot strip of land bordering the subject property on Bosley Avenue. This in-fee strip extends only the length of the subject property. All the other property lines on Bosley Avenue extend out to the pavement area. Each of these other properties maintains a uniform eight foot front yard building setback from their property lines. Mr. Fusco has made formal application to the County to purchase this eight foot strip.

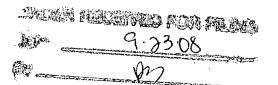
The variances requested are as delineated above. If Mr. Fusco is unable to purchase the eight foot strip, the request is for a front yard setback variance of zero feet in lieu of the 15 feet required by Section 235.1 of the B.C.Z.R., or of the eight feet required by Section 303.2 of the B.C.Z.R., whichever is applicable. If Mr. Fusco is successful in purchasing the eight foot strip, the request is for a front yard variance of 1.3 feet in lieu of either the 15 feet or the eight feet as previously described. In addition, Petitioners seek clarification whether a variance is required from the building to Joppa Road. If the side of the building to Joppa Road is considered also a front yard, then a variance of one foot is requested -- that is, the setback would be 14 feet in lieu of the required 15 feet. If the side is not considered a front yard, but is deemed a side yard, then no

variance would be needed as 10 feet is all that would otherwise be required. Further, a parking space variance is requested for nine spaces in lieu of the required 18.

The Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC) comments were received and are made part of the record of this case. Initial comments were received from the Office of Planning, dated July 24, 2008, which were subsequently amended on August 25, 2008. The Office of Planning indicated that in light of the outreach to the West Towson Community Association by Petitioners, the Planning Office did not oppose the requested variances but noted that the proposed site is within a Design Review Panel area and the building's site and elevations will have to be approved by the Design Review Panel. Mr. Jablon indicated that a review by the DRP had been scheduled.

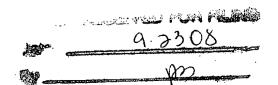
Considering all the testimony and evidence presented, I am convinced that the requested relief should be granted. I find special circumstances or conditions exist that are peculiar to the land or structure which is the subject of the variance requests. The uniqueness of the subject property is in the combination of its location, the diverse uses in the surrounding area, the Courthouse nearby, the adjacent large and small office buildings, the nearby parking garages, and the public alley to its rear.

I find Section 303.2 of the B.C.Z.R. and not Section 235.1 of the B.C.Z.R. to be applicable. Section 303.2 of the B.C.Z.R. provides that in the B.M. Zone, the front yard depth of any proposed building shall be the average of the front yard depths of the lots immediately adjacent within 100 feet. In the instant matter, the average of the front yard depths of those on Bosley Avenue from Allegheny Avenue to Joppa Road -- immediately adjacent to the subject property -- is eight feet. I further find that the evidence presented clearly substantiates that the front of the proposed building is to Bosley Avenue. In reviewing the recent Court of Special Appeals case of *Swoboda v. Wilder*, 920 A 2d 518 (2006), and based on the evidence presented, I conclude that the front of the



proposed building will be at Bosley Avenue and that the Joppa Road side is a side yard and not a front. The address of the building will be Bosley Avenue and the entrance to the building will be from Bosley Avenue. Also, Section 235.2 of the B.C.Z.R. provides that in the B.M. Zone, a side yard setback for commercial buildings is the same as in the B.L. Zone. Section 232.2.B of the B.C.Z.R. provides that for commercial buildings on a corner lot, the side yard on the street side shall be not less than 10 feet. In the instant matter, the proposed building will have a 14 foot setback from Joppa Road, thus no variance is required.

I further find that the imposition of zoning restrictions on this property disproportionably impacts the subject property as compared to others in the zoning district. The site itself limits the location of the building to that which is proposed. No matter the size -- even a smaller building -variances would be required. Indeed, to meet the setbacks and the parking requirements imposed by the B.C.Z.R. would make the property virtually unusable for an allowable purpose. If Petitioners owned the eight foot strip between their current property line and the County right-ofway at Bosley Avenue, no front yard setback would be required because the front yard setback would satisfy Section 303.2 of the B.C.Z.R., as the averaging of the front yards of all of the buildings on Bosley Avenue is currently eight feet. Nonetheless, a parking variance would still be required. Moreover, with the porch -- which would provide an amenable access to the building -a variance would also be required in any event. A parking variance would be required even if the proposed building were to be pushed back or made smaller. There is no way to provide the requisite number of parking spaces. In short, there is no feasible way for the mandated number of parking spaces to be satisfied. To that end, I find that Petitioners have maximized the available parking as proposed.



I conclude that the subject property is unique in a zoning sense and that Petitioners would suffer a practical difficulty if the variances were to be denied. I further find that the variances can be granted in strict harmony with the spirit and intent of said regulations, and in such manner as to grant relief without injury to the public health, safety and general welfare.

Thus, I find that the variances can be granted in such a manner as to meet the requirements of Section 307 of the B.C.Z.R, as established in *Cromwell v. Ward*, 102 Md.App. 691 (1995).

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property, and public hearing on this petition held, and after considering the testimony and evidence offered, I find that Petitioners' variance requests should be granted.

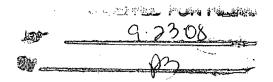
THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED this 23d day of September, 2008 by this Deputy Zoning Commissioner, that:

- Section 235.1 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) is not applicable, and, therefore, the variances requested for a front yard setback of zero feet in lieu of 15 feet, or 1.3 feet in lieu of 15 feet be and are hereby DISMISSED as MOOT; and
- The building line to Joppa Road is a side yard and, therefore, the variance requested for a front yard setback of 14 feet from the building line to Joppa Road in lieu of the required 15 feet be and is hereby DISMISSED as MOOT; and
- Further, the request to confirm that Section 235B.7 of the B.C.Z.R. is applicable be and is hereby DISMISSED as MOOT; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that Petitioners' variance requests as follows:

- From Section 303.2 of the B.C.Z.R. to permit a front yard setback of zero feet from the building line to Bosley Avenue in lieu of the average front yard depth of eight feet; and
- From Section 303.2 of the B.C.Z.R. to permit a front yard setback of 1.3 feet from the building line to Bosley Avenue in lieu of the average front yard depth of eight feet if the contract purchaser secures an in-free strip along Bosley Avenue from Baltimore County; and
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be and are hereby GRANTED, subject to the following:



1. Petitioners are advised that they may apply for any required building permits and be granted same upon receipt of this Order; however, Petitioners are hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at their own risk until such time as the 30-day appellate process from this Order has expired. If, for whatever reason, this Order is reversed, Petitioners would be required to return, and be responsible for returning, said property to its original condition.

Any appeal of this decision must be made within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order.

THOMAS HABOSTWICK Deputy Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

THB:pz



Petition for Variance

to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County for the property

located at 221-225 Joppa Road

which is presently zoned **BM-CT**

Deed Reference: 6549 _ _ / 183 _ Tax Account # 19640533

This Petition shall be filed with the Department of Permits and Development Management. The undersigned, legal owner(s) of the property situate in Baltimore County and which is described in the description and plat attached hereto and made a part hereof, hereby petition for a Variance from Section(s)

SEE ATTACHED

of the zoning regulations of Baltimore County, to the zoning law of Baltimore County, for the following reasons: (indicate hardship or practical difficulty.)

to be determined at hearing

Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by the zoning regulations.
I, or we, agree to pay expenses of above Variance, advertising, posting, etc. and further agree to and are to be bounded by the zoning regulations and restrictions of Baltimore County adopted pursuant to the zoning law for Baltimore County.

I/We do solemnly declare and affirm, under the penalties of perjury, that I/we are the legal owner(s) of the property which

•			is the subject of this Petition.	,
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VARIANCES

- 1. to permit a front yard setback of 0' from the building line to Bosley Ave in lieu of 15' required, by §235.1, BCZR, or to permit a front yard setback of 0' from the building line to Bosley Ave in lieu of the average front yard depth of 8', by §303.2, BCZR, whichever section is determined to be applicable; or
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or

- 4. in the alternative, to confirm that the subject property is in the BM-CT district and §235.B7, BCZR, applies.
- 5. to permit 9 parking spaces in lieu of the required 18 spaces, pursuant to §409.6, BCZR



ZONING DESCRIPTION FOR 221-225 JOPPA ROAD AND PARCEL 152 BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND 9TH ELECTION DISTRICT

Beginning for the same at a point on the eastside of Bosley Avenue; and 147± southwesterly from the centerline intersection of Joppa Road 60' wide.

1) thence running along Bosley Avenue North 06°-37'-14" East 46.06' to a point; 2) thence continuing along said road a curve to the left with a radius of 1,403.14' and length 39.90' and a chord bearing and distance North 05°-29'-41" East 39.90' to a point; 3) thence leaving said road on a curve to the right with a radius of 19.00' and length 27.70' and a chord bearing and distance North 46°-38'-40" East 25.31' to a point on the South side of Joppa Road; 4) thence continuing on a curve to the right with a radius of 19.00' and length 7.94' and chord bearing and distance south 79°-37'-06" East 7.88' to a point on the South side of Joppa Road; 5) thence running along said road on a curve to the left with a radius of 754.84' and length 79.71' and chord bearing and distance South 61°-42'-27" West 79.68' to a point on the West side of an alley 20' wide; 6) thence running along said alley South 06°-08'-12" West 74.85' to a point; 7) thence leaving said alley North 83°-42'-58" West 98.05' to the place of beginning.

Containing 9,027 S.F. or 0.207 Acres more or less.

Bearing known as Deeds: Liber 6549 Folio 183, Liber 5716 Folio 501, Liber 5598 Folio 370, Liber 4727 Folio 513 and Right-of-way Plat 65-193-8 Recorded among the Land Records of Baltimore County, Maryland.

William N. Bafitis, P.E., Md. Reg, Licence No. 11641

Date,

NOTICE OF ZONING HEARING

The Zonling Commissioner of Baltimore County, by authority of the Zoning Act and Regulations of Baltimore County will hold a public hearing in Towson, Maryland on the property identified herein as follows:

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Hearing: Tuesday, August 26, 2008 at 10:00 a'm: in Hearing Room 1, Jefferson Building, 105 West Chesapeake Avenue, Towson 21204

WILLIAMU WISEMAN; III Zoning Commissioner for Battimore County.

NOTES (1) Hearings are Handicapped Accessible, for special accommodations Please Confact the Zoning Commissioner's Office at (410) 887-4386.

(2) For Information concerning the File and/or Hearing, Contact the Zoning Review Office at (410) 887-3391.

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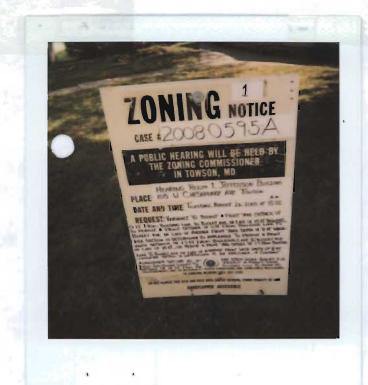
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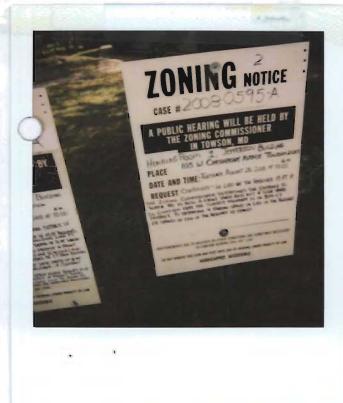
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	(Signature of Sign Poster) (Date)
•	SSG Robert Black
•	(Print Name)
	1508 Leslie Road
	(Address)
•	Dundalk, Maryland 21222
	(City, State, Zip Code)
	(410) 282-7940
	(Telephone Number)







July 15, 2008

JAMES T. SMITH, JR. County Executive

NOTICE OF ZONING HEARING

TIMOTHY M. KOTROCO, Director

Department of Permits and

Development Management

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105 W. Chesapeake Avenue

TK:klm

C. Arnold Jablon, 210 Allegheny Avenue, Towson 21204 Mr. & Mrs. Dance, 221-225 Joppa Rd., Towson 21204

NOTES: (1) THE PETITIONER MUST HAVE THE ZONING NOTICE SIGN POSTED BY AN APPROVED POSTER ON THE PROPERTY BY MONDAY, AUGUST 11, 2008.

- (2) HEARINGS ARE HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE, FOR SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS PLEASE CALL THE ZONING COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE AT 410-887-4386.
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TO: PATUXENT PUBLISHING COMPANY

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Please forward billing to:

Arnold Jablon 210 Allegheny Avenue Towson, MD 21204

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DEPARTMENT OF PERMITS AND DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT ZONING REVIEW

ADVERTISING REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES FOR ZONING HEARINGS

The <u>Baltimore County Zoning Regulations</u> (BCZR) require that notice be given to the general public/neighboring property owners relative to property which is the subject of an upcoming zoning hearing. For those petitions which require a public hearing, this notice is accomplished by posting a sign on the property (responsibility of the petitioner) and placement of a notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the County, both at least fifteen (15) days before the hearing.

Zoning Review will ensure that the legal requirements for advertising are satisfied. However, the petitioner is responsible for the costs associated with these requirements. The newspaper will bill the person listed below for the advertising. This advertising is due upon receipt and should be remitted directly to the newspaper.

OPINIONS MAY NOT BE ISSUED UNTIL ALL ADVERTISING COSTS ARE PAID.

For Newspaper Advertising: 2008-0595-A
Item Number or Case Number:
Petitioner: Stephens A & JOAN M. DANCE
Address or Location: 221 - 225 Jopp A RD
PLEASE FORWARD ADVERTISING BILL TO:
Name: ARNOW JABLON
Address: 210 AUBHENY AVE
TOWSON, AND 21204
Telephone Number: 4/0 494 6298



JAMES T. SMITH, JR. County Executive

TIMOTHY M. KOTROCO, Director

Department of Permits and

Development Management

August 20, 2008

Arnold Jablon 210 Allegheny Ave. Towson, MD 21204

Dear: Arnold Jablon

RE: Case Number 2008-0595-A, 221-225 Joppa Rd.

The above referenced petition was accepted for processing **ONLY** by the Bureau of Zoning Review, Department of Permits and Development Management (PDM) on July 1, 2008. This letter is not an approval, but only a **NOTIFICATION**.

The Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC), which consists of representatives from several approval agencies, has reviewed the plans that were submitted with your petition. All comments submitted thus far from the members of the ZAC are attached. These comments are not intended to indicate the appropriateness of the zoning action requested, but to ensure that all parties (zoning commissioner, attorney, petitioner, etc.) are made aware of plans or problems with regard to the proposed improvements that may have a bearing on this case. All comments will be placed in the permanent case file.

If you need further information or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the commenting agency.

Very truly yours,

W. Carl Richards, Jr. Supervisor, Zoning Review

WCR:lnw

Enclosures

c: People's Counsel Stephens H. & Joan M. Dance, 221-225 Joppa Rd., Towson, MD 21204



JAMES T. SMITH, JR. County Executive

JOHN J. HOHMAN, Chief Fire Department

County Office Building, Room 111 Mail Stop #1105 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204 July 14,2008

ATTENTION: Zoning Review Planners

Distribution Meeting Of: July 14, 2008

Item Number: 0582,0594,0595,0596,0597,0598,0599,0601,0602,0605,0607

Pursuant to your request, the referenced plan(s) have been reviewed by this Bureau and the comments below are applicable and required to be corrected or incorporated into the final plans for the property.

1The Fire Marshal's Office has no comments at this time.

Lieutenant Roland P Bosley Jr. Fire Marshal's Office 410-887-4880 (C)443-829-2946 MS-1102F

cc: File

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

DATE: June 18, 2008

TO:

Timothy M. Kotroco, Director

Department of Permits & Development Management

FROM:

Dennis A. Kermedy, Supervisor

Bureau of Development Plans

Review

SUBJECT:

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting

For June 21, 2008

Item Nos. 08-0582, 0594, 0595, 0598, 0599, 0601, 0603, 0605, and 0606

The Bureau of Development Plans Review has reviewed the subject-zoning items, and we have no comments.

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cc: File

ZAC-07182008-NO COMMENTS

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO: Timothy Kotroco, Director

DATE: July 24, 2008

Department of Permits and Development Management

FROM: Arnold F. 'Pat' Keller, III

Director, Office of Planning

SUBJECT: 221 – 225 Joppa Road

INFORMATION:

Item Number: 08-595

Petitioner: Stephens H. Dance

Zoning: BM-CT

Requested Action: Variance

The petitioner is seeking multiple zoning reliefs for setbacks and parking. The petitioner is requesting to have a 0' and a 1.3' foot setback front setback on Bosley Avenue and a 14' front setback on Joppa Road in lieu of the required 15'. The alternative to the front yard setback requests is to confirm that the property is within the BM-CT District.

The petitioner is also seeking to permit 9 parking spaces in lieu of the required 18 parking spaces.

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Office of Planning recommends the following:

The proposed site plan appears that it will have a negative affect on the existing trees on Bosley Avenue and Joppa Road, which would conflict with the Office of Planning and Community Conservation's previous comments about retaining the trees for the sale of the county's surplus property to the petitioner. Unless the petitioner can adequately show that the trees along Bosley Avenue and Joppa Road will be retained, the Office of Planning does not support the approval of the variance requests.

Address the following comments:

- 1. Add a note on the site plan stating that all trees along Bosley Avenue and Joppa Road will be retained.
- 2. No part of the building should extend farther than the front average setback of buildings along Bosley Avenue.

- 3. Reduce the size of the building so that it holds the line of the foundation wall of the existing house along Joppa and Bosley.
- 4. The proposed site is within a designated Design Review Panel area and the building's site and elevations will have to be approved by the Design Review Panel. The project is scheduled for DRP review on September 10, 2008.

5. If the DRP agrees to support the variance and building location the Office of Planning will revisit the variance request.

Prepared By:

Division Chief:

AFK/LL: CM



Martin O'Malley, Governor Anthony G. Brown, Lt. Governor

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Mandand Department of Transportation

Date: July 14, 2008

Ms. Kristen Matthews
Baltimore County Office of
Permits and Development Management
County Office Building, Room 109
Towson, Maryland 21204

RE: Baltimore County

Item No 2008-0595-A 221-225 Joppa RD Dance Property

John D. Porcari, Secretary

VARIANCE

Dear Ms. Matthews:

Thank you for the opportunity to review your referral request on the subject of the above captioned. We have determined that the subject property does not access a State roadway and is not affected by any State Highway Administration projects. Therefore, based upon available information this office has no objection to Baltimore County Zoning Advisory Committee approval of Item No. 2008-0595-A.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Michael Bailey at 410-545-2803 or 1-800-876-4742 extension 5593. Also, you may E-mail him at (mbailey@sha.state.md.us).

Very truly yours,

Steven D. Foster, Chief

Engineering Access Permits

Division

SDF/MB

My telephone number/toll-free number is

Maryland Relay Service for Impaired Hearing or Speech: 1.800.735.2258 Statewide Toll Free

Street Address: 707 North Calvert Street - Baltimore, Maryland 21202 - Phone: 410.545.0300 - www.marylandroads.com

TB 8/26

DATE: August 25, 2008

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Timothy Kotroco, Director

Department of Permits and Development Management

FROM:

Arnold F. 'Pat' Keller, III

Director, Office of Planning

SUBJECT:

221 – 225 Joppa Road

INFORMATION:

Item Number:

08-595 (revised comments)

Petitioner:

Stephens H. Dance

Zoning:

BM-CT

Requested Action:

Variance

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The petitioner is also seeking to permit 9 parking spaces in lieu of the required 18 parking spaces.

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS:

In light of the outreach to the West Towson Community Association by the applicant, the Office of Planning does not oppose the requested variances subject to the following:

The proposed site is within a designated Design Review Panel area and the building's site and elevations will have to be approved by the Design Review Panel. The project is scheduled for DRP review on September 10, 2008.

Prepared By:

Division Chief:

AFK/LL: CM

RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE
211-225 Joppa Road; E/S Bosley Avenue,
147' SW c/line of Joppa Road
9th Election & 5th Councilmanic Districts
Legal Owner(s): Stephens & Joan Dance
Petitioner(s)

- BEFORE THE
- * ZONING COMMISSIONER
- * FOR
 - BALTIMORE COUNTY
- * 08-595-A

ENTRY OF APPEARANCE

Please enter the appearance of People's Counsel in the above-captioned matter. Notice should be sent of any hearing dates or other proceedings in this matter and the passage of any preliminary or final Order. All parties should copy People's Counsel on all correspondence sent and all documentation filed in the case.

Peter Mar Zumerman

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PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN
People's Counsel for Baltimore County

CAROLE S. DEMILIO Deputy People's Counsel Jefferson Building, Room 204 105 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204 (410) 887-2188

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 15th day of July, 2008, a copy of the foregoing Entry of Appearance was mailed to Arnold Jablon, Esquire, Venable, LLP, 210 Allegheny Avenue, Towson, MD 21204, Attorney for Petitioner(s).

Peter Max Zumerman

PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN
People's Counsel for Baltimore County



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PETITIONER'S SIGN-IN SHEET

NAME	ADDRESS	CITY, STATE, ZIP	E- MAIL
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TIMOTHY SUNDERS	9727 GILLEHATE DE CO		
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Luhard Parom	412 wooding Ave 242	2120y	
WILLIAM BAFITSV	1249 ENGLEBORTHE	21221 - engineer	,
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Case No.: 2008-0595-A

Exhibit Sheet

Petitioner/Developer

Protestant

No. 1	Site Plan	Opposition letter from neighbor aeross street
No. 2	Landrage Rlan	
No. 3	Zoning Map	
No. 4	SDAT Printout for property next door (609 Bosley)	
No. 5	Aerial Photograph	
No. 6	Rendering of Proposed Boldg.	
No. 7	Photos of property and surrounding area	
No. 8	Submittel to Design (ORP) Review Parel	
No. 9		
No. 10		-
No. 11		
No. 12		

Susan Fannon McNamee 612 Bosley Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204 410-823-3199

August 25, 2008

To Whom It May Concern:

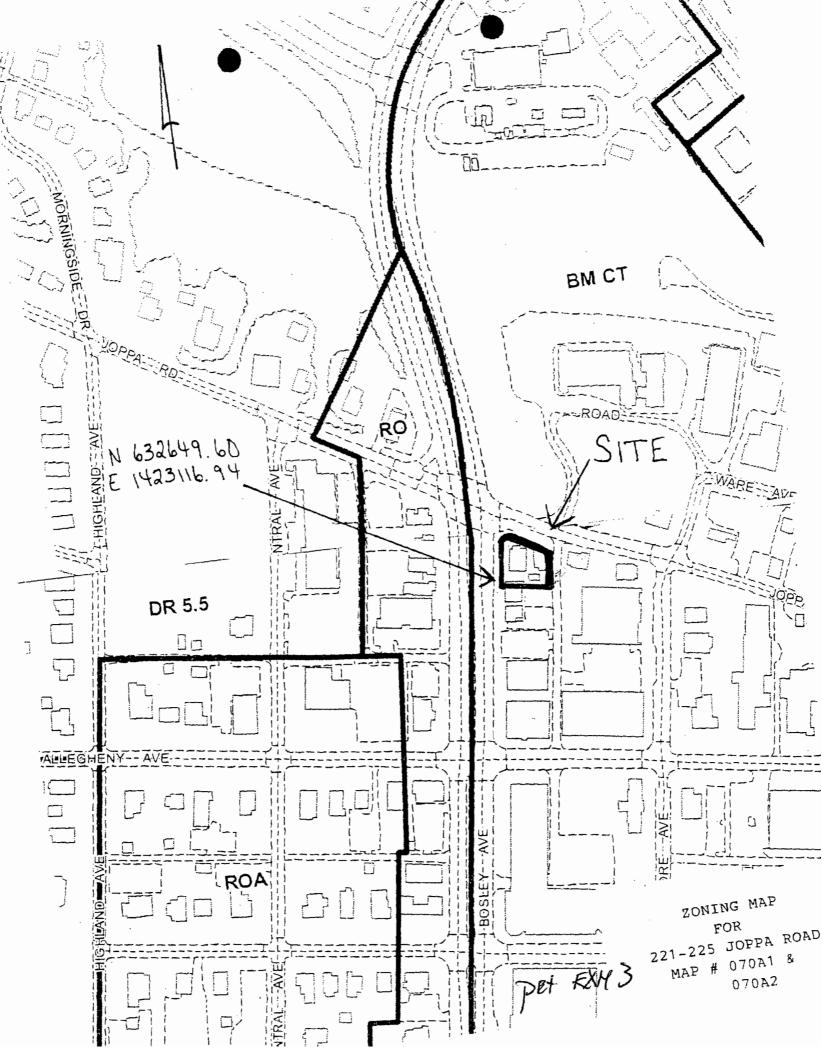
I would like to voice my opposition to changing the setback allowance for the property located on the corner of Joppa Road and Bosley Avenue. The number for the filing is 2008-0595-A. I live directly across from the property and it would have a profound impact on the area for me. The trees act as a buffer for the noise and pollution on Bosley Ave. Those trees are beautiful and full of birds. I feel the intersection there is the Gateway to Towson. As you come up the hill from York Road, there are green trees on both corners because of that the Bypass is not as sterile and chaotic as other roads through Towson. I know Towson is growing very rapidly, a little too much lately, but we need to maintain some of the charm and character that it once had. Having mature trees surrounding corners shows that some thought and foresight was put into keeping the integrity and warmth of the community.

I want to thank you for your time and I want to restate that I am opposed to any changes in setbacks for 2008-0595-A.

Susan Farron My James

Susan Fannon McNamee

Prot. Ex. 1





Go Back View Map **New Search**

Account Identifier:

District - 09 Account Number - 0906572480

Owner Information

Owner Name:

MARLEY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

COMMERCIAL

Principal Residence:

NO

Mailing Address:

C/O MICHAEL E MARINO

Deed Reference:

1) / 8980/ 143

2)

6209 HADDON AV

BALTIMORE MD 21212-1117

Location & Structure Information

Premises Address

609 BOSLEY AVE

Legal Description

ES BOSLEY AV

155 S JOPPA RD

Assessment Area Plat No: Block Lot Parcel **Sub District** Subdivision Section Grid Plat Ref: 70A 223

Town

Special Tax Areas

Ad Valorem **Tax Class**

Primary Structure Bu	ilt Enclosed Area	Property Land Area	County Use
1975	2,167 SF	4,900.00 SF	15
Stories	Basement	Туре	Exterior

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Base Value	Value	Phase-in Assess	sments
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Land 245,000 367,500 Improvements:

130,200 163,900 375,200 531,400 Total:

427,266 479,332 **Preferential Land:** 0 0 0 0

Transfer Information				
Seller: 609 BOSLEY AVENU E	Date:	11/22/1991	Price:	\$405,000

Type: IMPROVED ARMS-LENGTH Deed1:/8980/143 Deed2:

Seller: Date: Price: Deed1: Type: Deed2:

Seller: Date: Price: Type: Deed1: Deed2:

Exemption Information				
Partial Exempt Assessments	Class	07/01/2008	07/01/2009	
County	000	0	0	
State	000	0	0	
Municipal	000	0	0	

Tax Exempt: **Exempt Class:** NO

Special Tax Recapture:

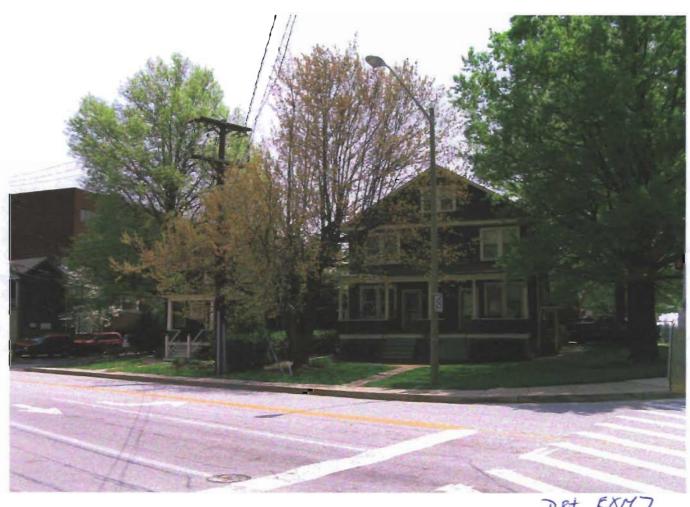
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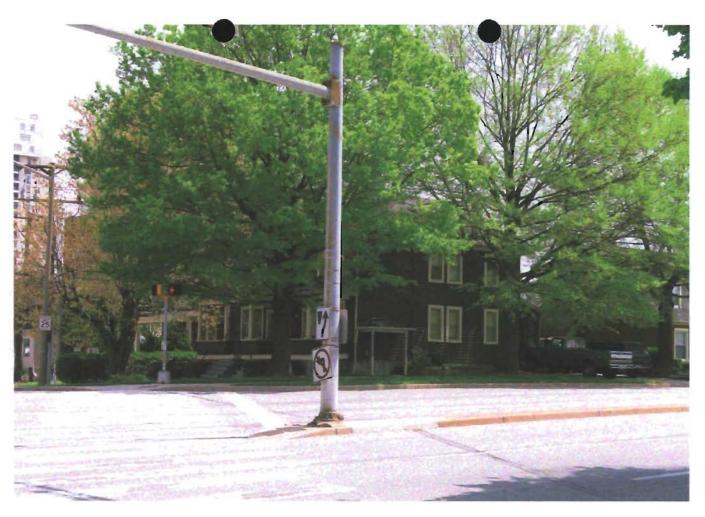
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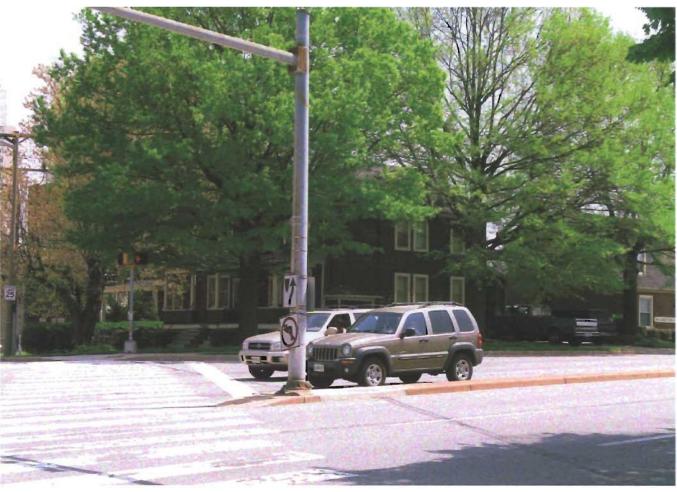






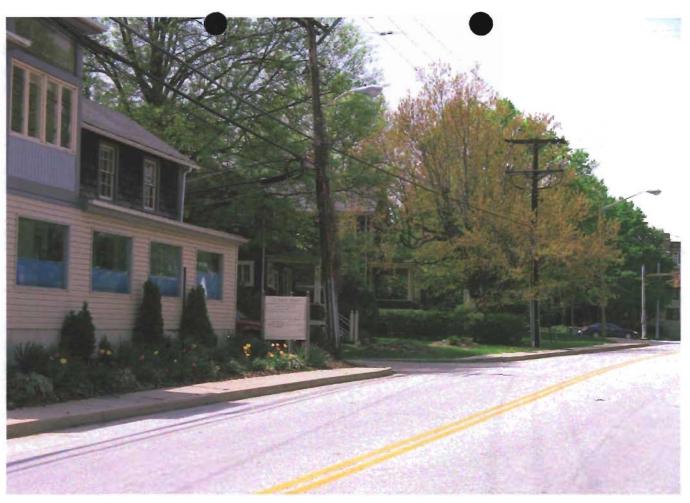




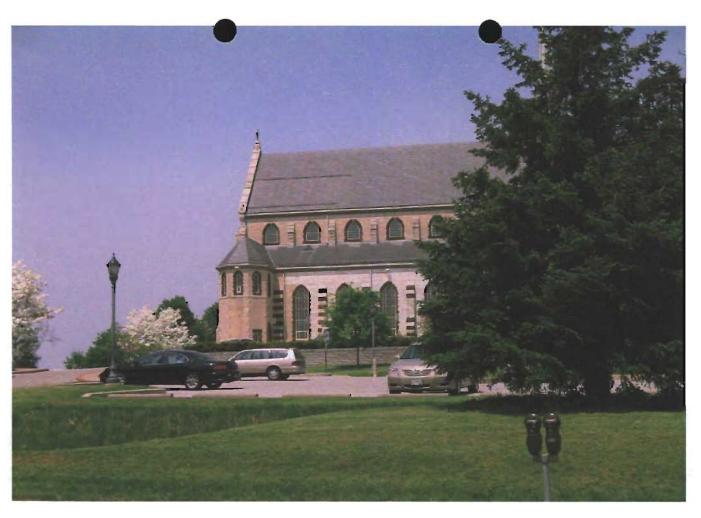




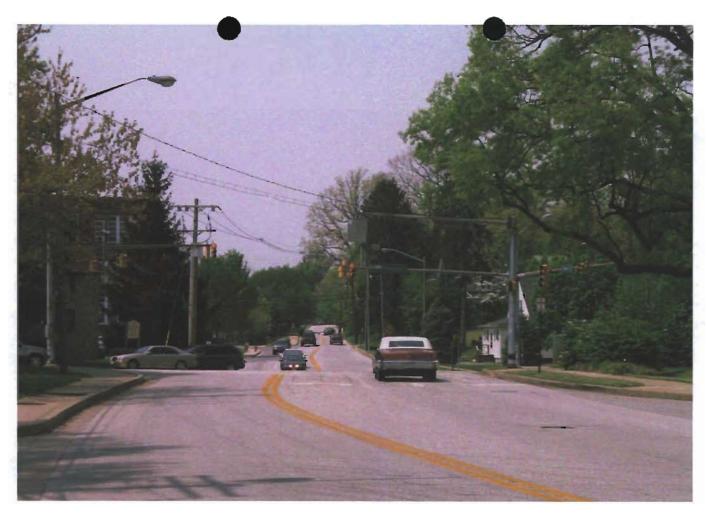








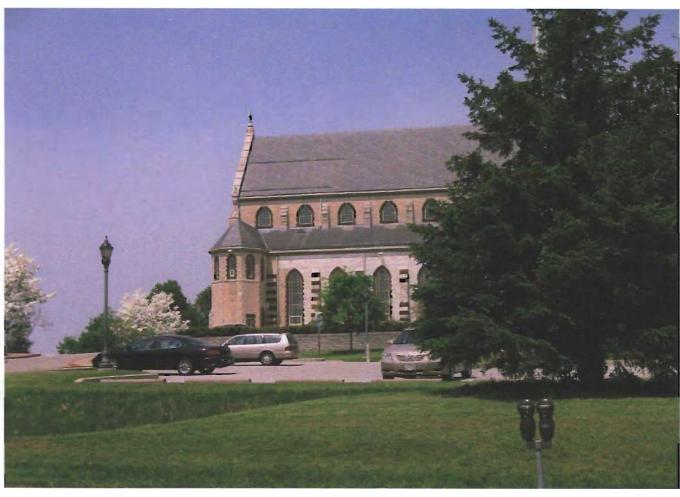






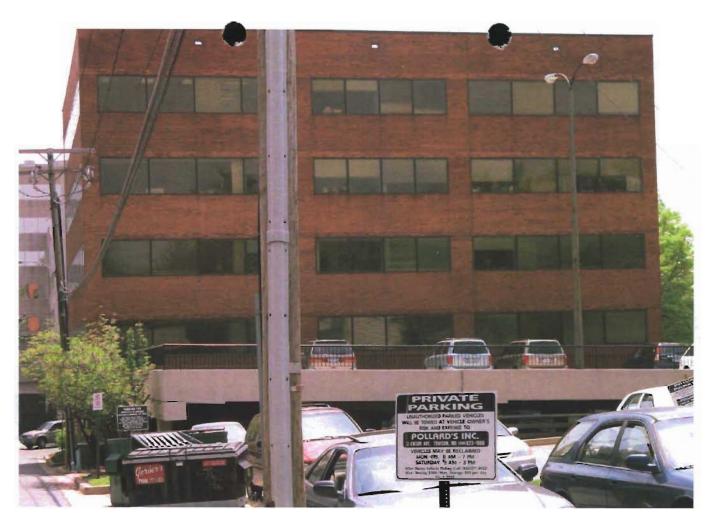














DRP SUBMITTAL – Towson Review Area

Submittal Date: August 11, 2008

PROPOSED OFFICE BUILDING

For

Fusco Financial Associates

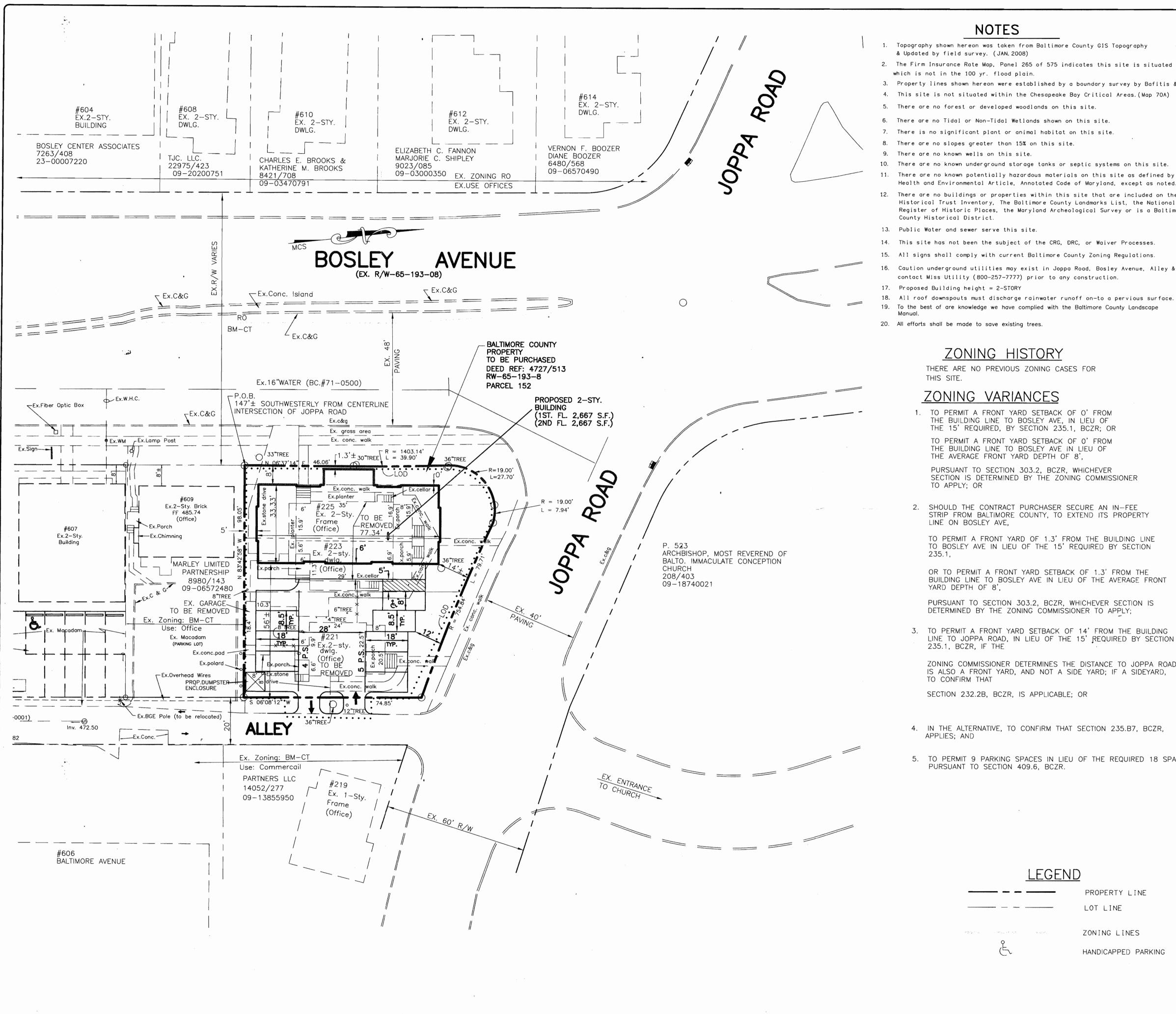
Location:

The Corner of Bosley Avenue & West Joppa Road (221, 223, & 225 West Joppa Road)
Towson, Maryland 21204



Prepared by:

Sanders Designs, Architects
9727 Greenside Drive, Cockeysville, Maryland 21030
Phone: 410.560.2624 – Fax: 410.560.2722



NOTES

- 1. Topography shown hereon was taken from Baltimore County GIS Topography
- & Updated by field survey. (JAN. 2008)
- 2. The Firm Insurance Rate Map, Panel 265 of 575 indicates this site is situated within flood Zone C which is not in the 100 yr. flood plain.
- 3. Property lines shown hereon were established by a boundary survey by Bafitis & Associates, Inc. (June 2008).
- 4. This site is not situated within the Chesapeake Bay Critical Areas. (Map 70A)
- 5. There are no forest or developed woodlands on this site.
- 6. There are no Tidal or Non-Tidal Wetlands shown on this site.
- 7. There is no significant plant or animal habitat on this site.
- 9. There are no known wells on this site.
- There are no known underground storage tanks or septic systems on this site.
- There are no known potentially hazardous materials on this site as defined by Title 7-
- 12. There are no buildings or properties within this site that are included on the Maryland Historical Trust Inventory, The Baltimore County Landmarks List, the National Register of Historic Places, the Maryland Archeological Survey or is a Baltimore
- 13. Public Water and sewer serve this site.
- 14. This site has not been the subject of the CRG, DRC, or Waiver Processes.
- 15. All signs shall comply with current Baltimore County Zoning Regulations.
- 16. Caution underground utilities may exist in Joppa Road, Bosley Avenue, Alley & onsite,
- 17. Proposed Building height = 2-STORY
- 18. All roof downspouts must discharge rainwater runoff on-to a pervious surface.
- 19. To the best of are knowledge we have complied with the Baltimore County Landscape
- 20. All efforts shall be made to save existing trees.

ZONING HISTORY

THERE ARE NO PREVIOUS ZONING CASES FOR THIS SITE.

ZONING VARIANCES

- TO PERMIT A FRONT YARD SETBACK OF O' FROM THE BUILDING LINE TO BOSLEY AVE, IN LIEU OF THE 15' REQUIRED, BY SECTION 235.1, BCZR; OR
- TO PERMIT A FRONT YARD SETBACK OF O' FROM THE BUILDING LINE TO BOSLEY AVE IN LIEU OF THE AVERAGE FRONT YARD DEPTH OF 8',
- PURSUANT TO SECTION 303.2, BCZR, WHICHEVER SECTION IS DETERMINED BY THE ZONING COMMISSIONER TO APPLY; OR
- SHOULD THE CONTRACT PURCHASER SECURE AN IN-FEE STRIP FROM BALTIMORE COUNTY, TO EXTEND ITS PROPERTY LINE ON BOSLEY AVE,
 - TO PERMIT A FRONT YARD OF 1.3' FROM THE BUILDING LINE TO BOSLEY AVE IN LIEU OF THE 15' REQUIRED BY SECTION
 - OR TO PERMIT A FRONT YARD SETBACK OF 1.3' FROM THE BUILDING LINE TO BOSLEY AVE IN LIEU OF THE AVERAGE FRONT YARD DEPTH OF 8',
- PURSUANT TO SECTION 303.2, BCZR, WHICHEVER SECTION IS DETERMINED BY THE ZONING COMMISSIONER TO APPLY;
- 3. TO PERMIT A FRONT YARD SETBACK OF 14' FROM THE BUILDING LINE TO JOPPA ROAD, IN LIEU OF THE 15' REQUIRED BY SECTION 235.1, BCZR, IF THE
- ZONING COMMISSIONER DETERMINES THE DISTANCE TO JOPPA ROAD IS ALSO A FRONT YARD, AND NOT A SIDE YARD; IF A SIDEYARD, TO CONFIRM THAT
- SECTION 232.2B, BCZR, IS APPLICABLE; OR
- 4. IN THE ALTERNATIVE, TO CONFIRM THAT SECTION 235.B7, BCZR, APPLIES; AND
- 5. TO PERMIT 9 PARKING SPACES IN LIEU OF THE REQUIRED 18 SPACES, PURSUANT TO SECTION 409.6, BCZR.

LEGEND

PROPERTY LINE

LOT LINE

ZONING LINES

HANDICAPPED PARKING

BOSLEY AVENUE VICINITY MAP (SCALE: 1" = 500')

SITE DATA

- 1) OWNER: A) STEPHENS H. DANCE & JOAN M. DANCE #221-#225 JOPPA ROAD
 - TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204 B) BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND DEED REF: 4727/513 RW-65-193-8
- TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204 2) CONTRACT PURCHASER: ANTHONY T. FUSCO #607 BOSLEY AVENUE TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204
- 3) DEED REF: 6549/183 & 5716/501 & 5598/370
- 4) TAX ACC. NO.: 09-19640533 & 09-03671800 & 09-03670070
- 5) TAX MAP: 70 PARCEL: 243 & 162 & 161 LOT: NONE 6) PLAT REF: NONE
- 7) ELECTION DISTRICT: 9TH
- 8) CONCILMANIC DISTRICT: 5th
- 9) REGIONAL PLANNING DISTRICT: 315B
- 10) CENSUS TRACT: 4907.02 -
- 11) ZONING: BM-CT
- 12) ZONING MAP: 070A1 & 070A2
- 13) USE: EXISTING: GENERAL OFFICE PROPOSED: GENERAL OFFICE
- 14) SITE AREA: 9,027 S.F. OR 0.207 AC.
- 15) PARKING:

REQUIRED: GENERAL OFFICE 3.3 P.S./1,000 S.F. 1ST FLOOR $3.3/1,000 \times 2,667 = 8.80 = 9 P.S.$

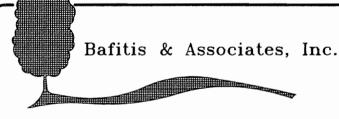
2ND FLOOR $3.3/1,000 \times 2,667 = 8.80 = 9 P.S.$ 18 P.S.

PROVIDED:

16) FLOOR AREA RATIO:

PERMITTED: 5.5 PROPOSED: $\frac{2,667}{9.027} = 0.30$

DISTURBED AREA = 8,965 S.F. OR 0.205 AC.



William N. Bafitis, P.E. PRESIDENT

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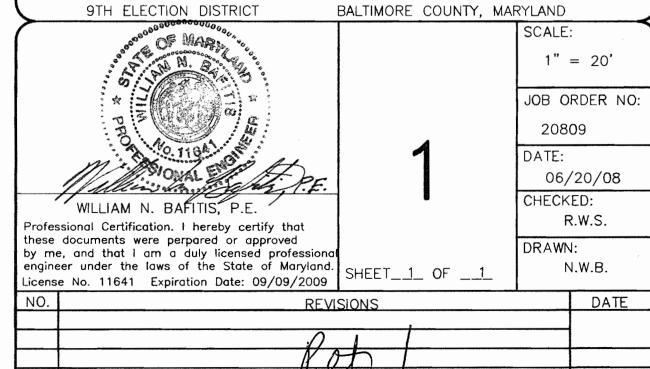
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Civil Engineers/Land Planners SURVEYORS

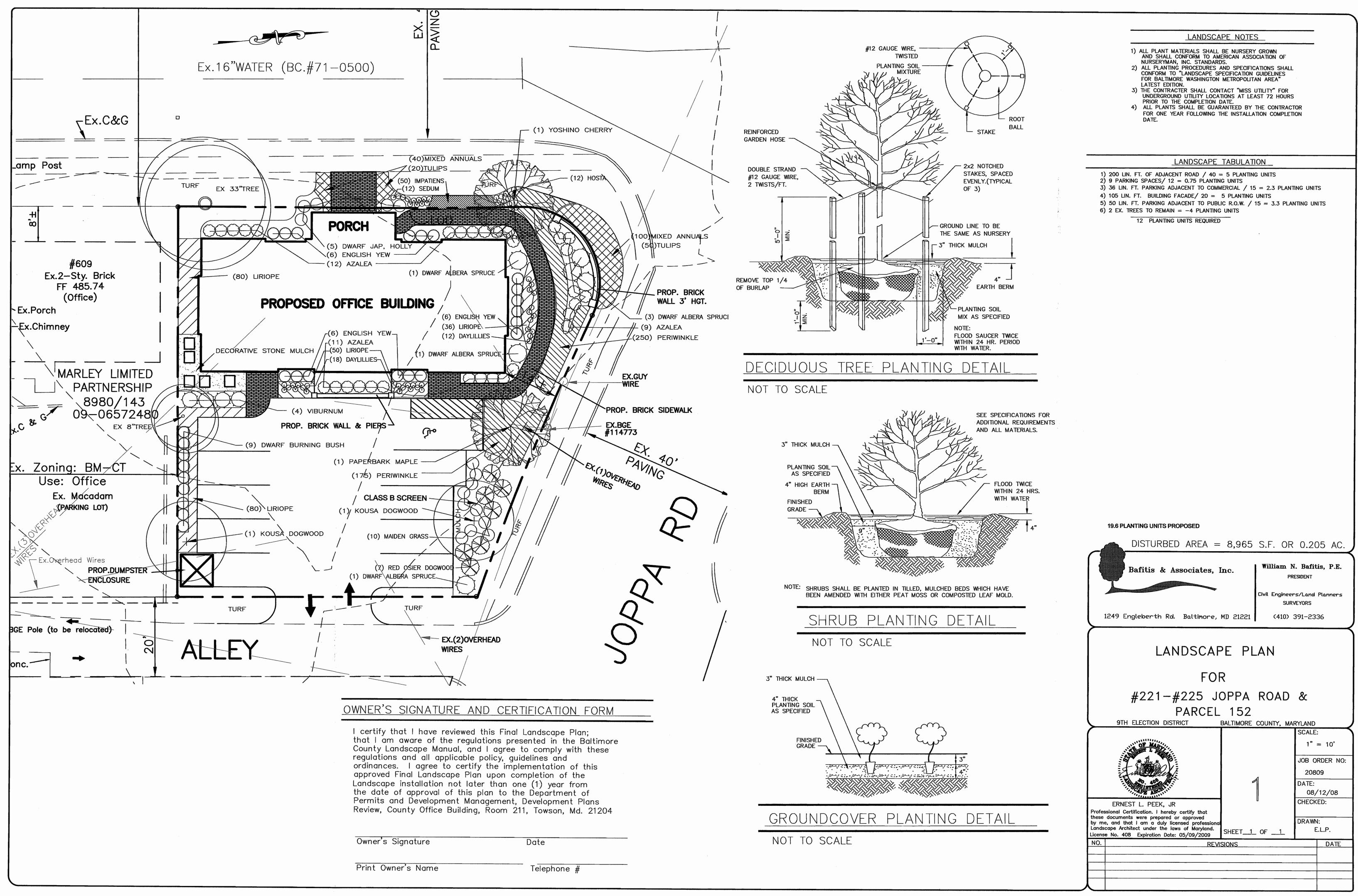
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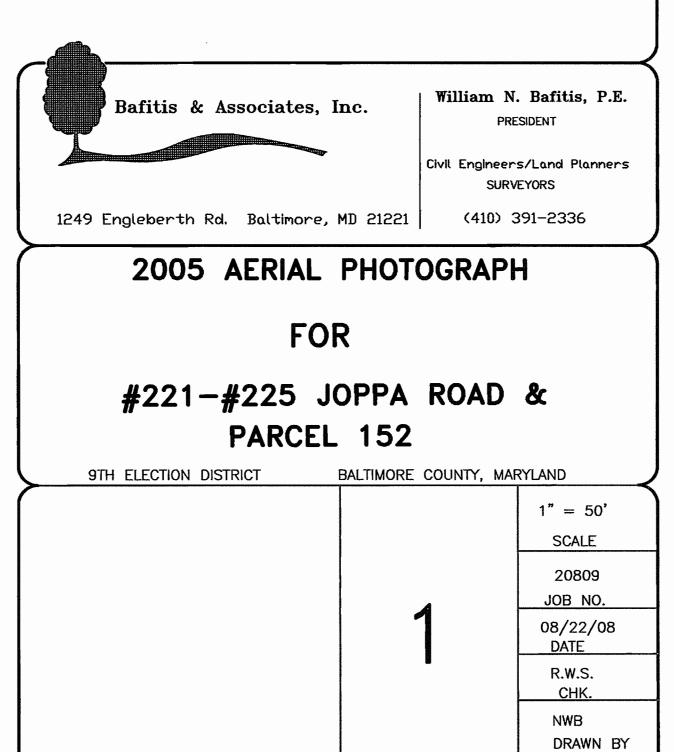
PLAN TO ACCOMPANY PETITION FOR ZONING VARIANCES **FOR**

#221-#225 JOPPA ROAD & PARCEL 152



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